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## Sadat going to New Managua tremor causes panic, no injuries

LIBYA today

LIBYAN (UPI). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will arrive in Tripoli today on an official visit to Libya, Tripoli radio said yesterday.

Sadat is chairman of the Federation of Arab Republics, which groups Egypt, Libya and Syria. Egypt and Libya are also planning to merge in a political union next September.

Sadat will hold talks with Col. Muammar Gaddafi, chairman of the Libyan Revolution Council, on the Middle East situation, political sources said.

The talks will also cover the recent administrative changes in Egypt, under which Sadat assumed personal command of the Cabinet.

MANAGUA (Reuters). — Scores of Nicaraguans spent Saturday night in the streets after an earth tremor sent them screaming in terror from their homes — only three months after an earthquake destroyed two-thirds of this capital city.

There were no immediate reports of casualties from the tremor, but it brought empty buildings damaged by the earlier one crashing down.

Terrified people who still live in what remains standing of Managua stayed in the streets, shouting and crying. Holes opened in roads. Electricity was cut off, and clouds of dust rose.

The tremor was measured locally at between four and five on the open-ended Richter scale. It occurred at 2.55 p.m. local time (10 p.m. in Israel) and lasted for more than a minute and a half.

The quake last December 23 is estimated to have killed 30,000 people, of whom 15,000 have been buried in official ceremonies. Bodies are still being found in the fetid debris.

An estimated 270,000 of Managua's 400,000 inhabitants were evacuated over Christmas and have been warned that they cannot expect to return until about July.

Smaller tremors have been occurring from time to time since the major quake, causing alarm but no further casualties. Geologists attribute them to settling motions usual after an earthquake.

## U.S. signs for giant Algeria gas plant

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. and Algerian officials have given final approval to construction of the world's largest facility for producing liquefied natural gas, to go up at Arzew, Algeria.

The Chemical Construction Company, which plans to build the plant and put it into operation, said work would begin by May 1. The final approval included the signing of Export-Import Bank loans to Sonatrach, the Algerian national oil and gas company.

The plant, expected to have an overall worth of \$2,000m., has been called the largest single commercial endeavor in history. It will produce liquid natural gas for export to the U.S.

Its designers said in a statement that the planned daily output would provide the energy equivalent of 200,000 barrels of crude oil or 49,000 tons of coal.

Limited production is expected to begin in April, 1976, and full capacity will be reached by mid-1977.

## Last American prisoner released by Vietcong

CLARK AFB, Philippines (UPI). — The Vietnamese yesterday freed U.S. Army Capt. Robert T. White, the last known American prisoner of the Vietnam war, and he told the American sent to pick him up, "It's a really great day."

Capt. White, 32, was taken by helicopter from the jungles south of Saigon near where he was captured Nov. 15, 1969, and then flown to Clark in the Philippines aboard a C-9 Nightingale hospital plane. He emerged from the plane looking extremely happy and well, but a bit unsteady, to the cheers of a crowd of about 100 welcome.

Earlier, deep in the Mekong Delta 30 kms. south of Saigon, Capt. White was turned over to an American officer of the four-power joint military commission. "I'm pleased to meet you, sir," White said. "It's really a great day."

An officer who flew from Saigon with White, said the freed prisoner was "tremendously relieved" when he finally handed over to the Americans.

The Joint Military Commission and International Commission of Control and Supervision (ICCS) members who flew to Xom Tieu to pick up White had to wait three hours for him to arrive. There was another "procedural delay" of half an hour when the U.S. representatives refused to sign papers "not pertaining to this release."

"Even at the transfer site he was not sure he would be released," the officer said. "It was not until (after U.S. representatives) Lt. Col. Larry Roston took his arm and said 'Let's go to the plane' that he realized he was a free man."

When he was released, White wore dark blue pyjamas and rubber shower shoes and carried a crooked cane and a bouquet of plastic flowers.

Capt. White was the pilot of an army aircraft which was shot down by the Communists in 1969 in South Vietnam's Vinh Binh province. His name was not on the original list of prisoners supplied to U.S. officials and his whereabouts only became known last week.

The Vietcong had said they were unable to advise the U.S. earlier of Capt. White's whereabouts because of a breakdown in communications. Just before White arrived, the last group of 68 Americans freed by North Vietnam headed home from Clark.

Bombing of North Vietnam and mining the Haiphong harbour again are among the kinds of things that could be done if North Vietnam does not live up to the cease-fire agreement, Secretary of Defense Elliot Richardson said yesterday in a television interview.

The Secretary's remarks came amid continued reports of military setbacks in the South and shipments of arms into the South from North Vietnam. He said that arms shipments "have been significant" since the cease-fire agreement.

Yesterday's repeal of an austerity decree issued on May 17 last year coincided with the start of work on a \$10m. (IL3,780m.) development programme for 1973-74 which includes twice as many industrial projects as last year's. Mr. alha al-Jawad, the industry Minister, told the official Iraq News Agency that the March 1 agreement with I.P.C., which ended legal wrangles over marketing the country's crude oil, made possible "annual development prospects," especially in farming and industry.

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## Iraq resumes development works

AGHADAD (Reuters). — Iraq yesterday reversed nearly a year of inactivity in Government spending — just one month after reaching agreement with the western-owned Iraq Petroleum Company on compensation for its nationalized assets.

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## 9 die as twisters hit Georgia, S. Carolina

ATLANTA (AP). — Nine persons were known dead and hundreds of others hospitalized in Georgia and South Carolina yesterday, as at least six tornadoes swooped down on the adjacent states.

Police reported six fatalities in South Carolina — four in Abbeville and two in Calhoun Falls — and three others in Georgia.

The Abbeville twister left a path of destruction almost 2 kms. wide on its 16-km. route. Hospitals reported 20 to 30 persons injured.

The Georgia twisters resulted in fewer deaths — one each in Athens, Monroe and Conyers — but more

than 170 injuries. In Athens, the site of the University of Georgia, the tornadoes hit two trailer parks on opposite sides of town, destroying at least 50 mobile homes. At least 88 persons were treated in Athens hospitals.

In Monroe, the National Guard was called out to help in rescue operations.

Almost 200 persons were forced to take shelter in school buildings in Clayton County, just south of Atlanta. Police units from surrounding towns were called in to assist in rescue operations, and to prevent looting.

## Somalia jails some and lets others go

MOGADISHU (Reuters). — Six politicians including the deposed Prime Minister, Mohamed Ibrahim Egal, who were arrested after Somalia's bloody revolution of October 21, 1969, are on stand trial, it was officially announced yesterday.

The Supreme Revolutionary Council said it had also decided to release 18 political detainees — former Cabinet Ministers and Parliamentarians — who were jailed when the revolution took place.

## SAPIR: Committee on inflation still functioning

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said in yesterday's Cabinet debate on price rises that the tripartite committee on restraining inflation was still functioning, and stressed that he would call it into session soon.

No guidelines for future price policy emerged from the session, which included a post-mortem on last week's Treasury decision to raise prices on flour, sugar, frozen meat and a number of other commodities.

The tripartite body, created by Prime Minister Meir and chaired by Mr. Sapir, was set up to bring the Treasury, the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association together on combating inflationary trends. Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon has said recently that everyone on the committee "ought to go his own way" — which some have taken as an indication that the Histadrut would boycott the committee if it does not get its way.

Discussing the price rises, Mr. Sapir pointed out that subsidies on staples, which were IL36m. in last year's Budget, were IL77m. in the 1973/74 Budget which took effect yesterday. They had therefore doubled in 12 months — i.e., increased more than any other item in the entire State Budget — he said.

Low income families would get their IL4 per head per month compensation before Pesach if possible, Mr. Sapir stated. Those in higher income brackets, who paid income tax, would benefit from the new tax concessions which came into force as of yesterday, he said.

Mr. Sapir added that last year the Treasury had mopped up IL1,700m. in means of payment from the public in order to combat inflationary trends. This process was being maintained, he said.

Mapam Minister Victor Shemtov (Health), who strongly urged that Mr. Sapir's tripartite committee convene, said that despite all Histadrut criticism of price rises the labour federation had never threatened specifically to boycott it. He personally believed the Histadrut was keen to see the body functioning once again.

Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig wondered why it had been necessary to raise prices on the eve of Pesach. Welfare Minister Michael Hazani said that a quick decision had been wise, even before Pesach, to prevent a rush on the grocery shops.

There was some argument as to whether sugar and wheat had in fact been smuggled out of the West Bank into Jordan, as the Finance Minister had charged, and as Defence Ministry spokesmen had denied.

Mr. Shemtov, himself a member of the tripartite committee, said that when it reconvened he would propose a total freeze on prices and wages until July 1.

This would be aimed at preventing last week's rises from causing a chain reaction through the economy and could probably also obviate a new cost-of-living increment in July — an eventuality also mentioned in the discussion.

## Argentine throng at Campora return

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentine President-elect Hector Campora returned here yesterday to a tumultuous welcome after a trip to Europe during which he conferred with exiled strongman Juan Domingo Peron and met Pope Paul and Italian and Spanish leaders.

## Dayan asks I.D.F. workers to go easy on wage claims

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ZICHRON YA'ACOV. — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan urged the army's civilian employees yesterday to go easy on their wage claims "lest by weakening the war potential of the I.D.F. we undermine the real chance we now have to achieve peace within permanent borders."

Speaking to the opening session of the second convention of I.D.F. civilian workers at Beit Hahayal here yesterday, Mr. Dayan said he felt that all claims could be "straightened out in negotiations, however nerve-racking these may seem."

Haim Haberfeld, Secretary of the Workers Union, told the 301 delegates that the two-day meeting would "air problems — we are all proud to be associated with the defence effort, but problems there are."

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf

## Iraq holds 6 more Iranian fishermen

TEHERAN (Reuters). — The Iraqi authorities arrested six Iranian fishermen on Friday while they were fishing in the Shatt el-Arab river, a Government spokesman announced here yesterday. He said three had been seized in the evening, in addition to the three whose detention was announced on Saturday.

A dispute over navigation rights in the river, which forms the border between Iran and Iraq, led to the severance of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1971.



Members of the Histadrut Central Committee vote on a motion during yesterday's discussion of price rises. Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, foreground, chaired the meeting. (Israel Sun)

## Reduced income tax rates

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Reduced income-tax rates came into force yesterday — first day of the new fiscal year.

Figures prepared by the Treasury's Internal Revenue Department give examples of the changes. The following table applies to a married man with two children. First column shows the earlier tax reduction, introduced 12 months ago (in ILs):

Monthly Income	Reduction of tax and compulsory loan in April 1972	In April 1973	Total out
600	20.40	28.60	49.00
800	27.10	32.00	59.10
1,000	33.30	33.00	66.30
1,200	34.80	35.90	70.70
1,400	40.70	63.70	104.40
1,750	50.70	116.40	167.10
2,000	61.20	143.20	204.40
3,000	91.20	213.50	304.70

Reductions have raised the threshold for tax payment. Incomes up to the following ceilings are not taxable (in ILs):

	December 1971	December 1972	April 1973
Bachelor aged over 30	255	265	374
Married without children	333	313	421
Married with two children	416	438	631
Married with five children	755	794	979

Up till yesterday, a person earning IL1,200 a month who was given a IL100 rise paid IL43.90 in tax. Now he will pay only IL32. A person earning IL1,400 who got a IL100 rise paid IL55.40; he will now pay IL37.80.

Tax deductions have also been increased. They include the following (in ILs):

	Last year	This year
For being over 60 (55 for a woman)	325	480
For being over 65 (60 for a woman)	650	1,020
Invalidity 25-50 per cent	550	780
Invalidity over 50 per cent	900	1,350
Working wife (joint declaration)	850	900
Working wife with children (separate declaration)	1,050	1,440
Working wife (separate declaration) with one child	800	1,260
with two children	800	1,410
with three children	800	1,560
with four children	800	1,710
Widow(er) or divorce(e) with children	1,000	1,680
Overseas in the Army	400	600
Rights of immigrants in his third year (monthly)	200	400

## New payments announced to defray higher food cost

By AARON SETTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Labour Minister Yosef Almog last night announced a series of new "compensatory payments" for pensioners, large families and low-income families, designed to help defray the higher cost of food.

Meeting with reporters in his office following a conference with Treasury and Histadrut officials, Mr. Almog gave the following details:

- Pensioners, widows and orphans receiving payments from the National Insurance Institute will get 35 per cent more. For example, a pensioner will receive IL150 instead of IL120 a month, and a couple, IL225 instead of IL165. Recipients classified as social welfare cases or those whose combined income is less than IL425 monthly will also receive an additional IL4, and their new minimum grants from the National Insurance Institute will be IL208 per person and IL323 per couple.

- The Institute will now pay IL6 as a family allowance for every child from the fourth one on, instead of IL4 as at present. This additional IL2 is to be free from income tax. (A decision on the taxability of the earlier IL4 is still pending.)

- Workers earning less than IL700 per month will receive IL4 monthly for every member of the household, to be pre-paid for a period of three months. Thus, a couple with two children will receive an advance payment of IL48, and a childless couple, IL24.

Mr. Almog said all the above payments will be made by the intermediate days of Passover at the latest.

## Water prices up 20 per cent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The price of water to urban consumers went up by a country-wide average of 20 per cent yesterday, Mekorot spokesman announced.

Water will cost farmers 15 per cent more. In an attempt to encourage the farmer to use less water, the rise will only be 12 per cent if he uses only 85 per cent of his quota. The price of water for industrial use has also been raised by 20 per cent.

Fines for those exceeding their quotas have also been raised: for agriculture 30 agora for every extra cu.m.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, in one of the shortest speeches he has made recently, said the I.D.F. civilian workers were setting an example to all workers for being responsible people devoted to their tasks. "The Israel worker feels his responsibility for the nation's economy — but he also keeps faith to his dream of building a new society, to the equality of man and the dignity of labour," he said.

The union recently formulated a series of demands, including equalization of salaries with the civilian market, and exemption of civilian employees from the military legal code. At present, a civilian working on military premises falls under the same disciplinary rules which apply to soldiers on active duty.

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## HISTADRUT URGES PRICE CONTROL, LIMIT TO SALARIES

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut Executive yesterday tossed the ball back to the Government in all fight to stop inflation.

The Histadrut asked the government to institute direct price controls, and limit top incomes. Introducing the resolution, Secretary-General Ben-Aharon said the Histadrut's efforts to induce both the Government and employers to agree on a common strategy to fight inflation had failed.

Referring to the recent price increases, Mr. Ben-Aharon said some of them were inevitable, because of inflationary trends abroad. "But, generally speaking, business was profitable enough in the past year to allow it to absorb part of the inevitable increase in costs," Mr. Ben-Aharon said.

He was also critical of his party's members in the Government who wished to cut subsidies on vital commodities, because they interfered with the freedom of the market. "A modern state," Mr. Ben-Aharon said, "gives vital services free to all, by transferring revenue from all sources in order to level prices and prevent a rising spiral of prices and salaries."

Mr. Ben-Aharon said the Histadrut promised in the anti-inflation committee that the workers would "do their bit" in restraining wage increases if the authorities decide on a general control of prices. The workers, he said, would have been prepared, in that case, to give up their request for an interim cost-of-living allowance in July. As the common effort crumbled, the Histadrut will not only demand the interim allowance, but will have to consider if this is the only way to compensate the working man for the reduced purchasing power of his pay-package.

## Medici visit 'link in chain', Eban tells Cabinet

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Reporter

Foreign Minister Abba Eban yesterday reported briefly to the Cabinet on last week's visit by the Italian Foreign Minister, Giuseppe Medici.

The visit was a link in a chain of high-level contacts between Italy and Israel, Mr. Eban said, recalling his exchange of visits with former Foreign Minister Aldo Moro two years ago and Premier Meir's visit to Rome in January.

Mr. Eban said Mr. Medici's visit had contributed towards clarifying Israel's position in Italian thinking. The Italian minister had come with no offers of mediation, he stressed.

Mr. Eban promised to prepare for next week's Cabinet session a thorough analysis of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's speech of last Monday, when he announced that he was assuming the premiership in preparation for "total confrontation" with Israel.

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# IAF to display its latest 'copter

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

One of the IAF's newest helicopters, the Bell 206-A, will be seen in public during the fly-past on Independence Day. The helicopter, a five-seat light utility chopper named the Jet Ranger, is ideal as a spotting or gun platform and personnel carrier. It has been in use in the Defence Forces for over a year.

The helicopter, which supersedes the older and larger Bell-205, previously flew at a flypast on Air Force Day, some six months ago, seen by an invited audience.

In both civilian and military use in several Western countries, the Bell 206-A can carry a maximum payload of 1,361 kilograms. Powered by a 317 H.P. gas turbine engine, it has a maximum speed of 241 kilometres an hour, and cruises at speeds between 210 and 225 k.p.h. It has a range of between 580 and 740 kilometres.

The Bell 206-A has been used for a variety of jobs by the army and air forces of the world.

The British have equipped the machine with rocket launchers and an 0.5 machinegun, while the Ameri-



The Bell 206-A Jet Ranger which will have its first public showing in Israel in the Independence Day fly-past.

cans used the chopper in the jungles of Vietnam. It has also been adopted as a flying ambulance, and used to evacuate pilots who have fallen behind enemy lines.

## Smoking dangers to child: Doctors warned only 4% of expectant mothers

By MACAREE DEAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although medical research has shown that women who smoke during pregnancy have a greater tendency to miscarry, or to give birth to premature, or underweight babies, only four per cent of the expectant mothers in a recent survey were advised by their doctors to stop smoking.

This was announced recently by the Health Ministry on the basis of a survey of 500 expectant mothers carried out by the Applied Social Research Institute at mother and infant welfare clinics in Jerusalem.

Slightly over 70 per cent of the women had in fact been advised to stop smoking, but of them, the majority (52 per cent) had been given the advice by their husbands; 26 per cent got advice "from everybody"; nine per cent from friends and acquaintances, four per cent from their doctors, and the rest from various sources.

## 24-hour information service at Hadassah

Jerusalem Post Staff

A round-the-clock service providing information on patients will go into effect at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem tomorrow. The Communications Ministry enabled the hospital to install this service by providing four additional phone lines, so callers asking about patients' conditions can bypass the already busy telephone switchboard. The hospital's administration asked for the new service after a survey showed more than 30 per cent of all callers phoned to ask about patients.

The number to call for the new service is (02) 68222.

It is also learned that Kupat Holim plans to test the feasibility of keeping its clinics open for 12 hours, probably from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.

The plan will probably be tested at one clinic in Katamon, and one in the centre of Jerusalem, both of which are under pressure due to the increase in population.

The staff will work in shifts. Some doctors will be employed part-time to help complete the physicians' roster.

Of the 265 women, some 16 per cent stopped smoking entirely, 70 per cent smoked "now and then," while 14 per cent continued to smoke as usual.

The reasons why they continue to smoke, in descending importance, were: for no special reason, social reasons, or out of habit, because of nervousness and tension, from boredom. Only 24 per cent of the smokers said they actually enjoyed smoking.

## 'VIOLENCE MAY STOP FOOTBALL'

TEL AVIV. — District Court Judge Shlomo Lowenberg warned yesterday that if violence in the nation's football stadiums continues it may become necessary to suspend the national sport.

"Sport and violence cannot exist side by side," he declared. "If the public prefers violence, we may have to consider seriously whether it is possible to continue holding football games under such conditions."

Judge Lowenberg was considering a request from Haim Baran, chairman of Holon Maccabi, to order the Football Association either to suspend all games or to provide proper police supervision to control unruly crowds and players. Mr. Baran said he had previously appealed to the Minister of Education and Culture and to the chairman of the Association, Pinhas Koppel, to assign more policemen to supervise the games, but without result.

The judge rejected the request of the Association's attorney, Zvi Joffe, to dismiss the application out of hand (*in limine*), but agreed to adjourn the hearings until the end of the current football season, to enable the respondents to present up-to-date statistics.

Mr. Joffe claimed that violence at games had decreased but said he would be able to produce statistics only at the end of the current season. He said it was technically impossible to assign enough policemen to cover all 160 league games held each season, and that the sports associations could not afford to hire constables.

Judge Lowenberg said he could not dismiss the application out of hand because "we all know that football games in this country are accompanied by violence." He praised Mr. Baran for his "public-spirited initiative" in turning to the courts after failing to receive satisfaction from the sports authorities. (*Itm*)

## T.A. rabbinical c'ttee to meet Goren over poll

By SARAH HONIG

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the committee preparing this city's rabbinical elections are to meet this morning with Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren to try to dissuade him from opposing the holding of the elections at the present time.

A similar meeting was held at the weekend with Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, who told committee representatives that after hearing their opinions, he "sees no reason why the elections should be put off." According to the representatives, he said this despite the fact that both he and Rabbi Goren recently signed an appeal calling on the Tel Aviv committee not to go ahead with their plans. Rabbi Yosef explained that the appeal was initiated by Rabbi Goren and he signed it without studying the matter at great depth.

Both the Chief Rabbinate Council and the Ministry for Religious Affairs have warned that they will not approve any of the measures already taken by the committee if the elections are not postponed. The stiffer opposition to the elections comes from the National Executive of the N.R.P., which does not approve at the candidacy of Rabbi Yehdyia Frenkel for the post of the city's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi and would like more time to find a serious rival. Such a rival could be Bnei Brak Rabbi Yitzhak Koltz, who also heads the regional rabbinical court. He had promised to enter the race officially yesterday, but has not yet done so. However Thursday is the last day on which candidates can place their bids, according to the terms of the tender published by the committee, Gahal, the Labour Alignment, and the local branch of the N.R.P. all support Rabbi Frenkel.

SAMARIA's nearly 1,000 teachers have informed the Military Government they will strike unless they receive wage increases to compensate for the rise in the cost of living.

## Knesset call for TV, Radio objectivity

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday advised the Broadcasting Authority to take steps to "ensure the credibility, objectivity and efficiency" of its TV and radio broadcasting operations.

The Committee, in approving the Authority's IL83,380,000 budget after two days of discussion, passed the following resolutions:

- The Authority is requested to adhere to a high level of credibility in its dissemination of information and to maintain "balance and objectivity" in its broadcasts.
- The Authority must examine the efficiency of its operations and assure rational use of its equipment and materials by making use of the services of the Institute for Work Productivity and other experts not connected with the Authority.

• The committee notes the improvements made in collecting licence fees from the public, but feels there is room for further improvement.

• The committee reiterates its recommendation that licence fees be collected from residents of the Administered Areas.

Two National Religious Party members of the Committee, M.K.s Daniel Levi and Abraham Melamed, voted against the resolutions after the majority refused to include their proposal calling for expansion of religious oriented programmes.

## Fines for Dan sewage stench

REHOVOT. — The Dan Region Sewage Consortium and the Mekorot company — which operate the sewage ponds outside Rishon LeZion — were each fined IL500 yesterday by the Magistrate's Court here, for the nausea-causing stench from the sewage plants.

The suit, launched by residents of Rishon was first heard in the Magistrate's Court a month ago. It was dismissed by Judge Shlomo Yifrah, who said the law against public nuisance cannot be applied because the Interior and Health Ministers failed to enact regulations to implement it.

The plaintiffs, however, appealed to the Tel Aviv District Court, which asked the Magistrate's Court to take the matter up again and judge it according to the evidence presented — without regard to the existence of any regulations, or lack of it. Judge Yifrah, in hearing the case again, determined "the stench did in fact cause a public nuisance, and did originate from the sewage ponds," contrary to the defendants' claims.

## Smog smothers Safad; residents blame Elite

SAFAD. — A smog which includes a pungent smell has covered the southern part of this town for several days, causing acute discomfort to the residents and especially to children in a kindergarten close to the Elite instant coffee factory, the main source of the smog.

The neighbourhood committee against air pollution, headed by Dr. Chaim Engel, chief physician at Kupat Holim here, has appealed for help to the Health Minister, the district sanitation engineer and the Public Council against Pollution (Malraz).

For the past 15 years, the smell from the plant (which was built without permit from the Municipal engineer and the Health Ministry) has caused pollution in the area, especially during *sharav* periods.

In January, the Elite management undertook to stop the pollution within six months or agree to transfer the plant to the industrial zone at Ein Zekim. The plant has been operating since January without permit from the Health Ministry, who made it conditional upon effective anti-pollution measures.

The neighbourhood anti-pollution committee intends to seek help in the courts unless the Elite management takes relief measures immediately.

## Wouldn't turn down radio Taxi driver fined IL400 for insulting passenger

A Jerusalem taxi driver who refused a passenger's request to turn down his radio was fined IL400 yesterday by the Jerusalem Magistrate.

The driver, Yosef Cohen — who had responded to the request with a flood of insults — told the court he had felt his passenger failed to appreciate his choice of music.

The incident occurred in June, 1970, as Cohen, 29, was driving Dr. A. Maimon to the Hebrew University. When the 69-year-old university research worker asked him to

lower the radio's volume, Cohen turned it up instead. And when Dr. Maimon attempted to write down Cohen's name and number, the driver called him a "Jew-hater" and said he was glad Maimon would soon be dead.

In court, Cohen said he had thought his "Ashkenazi passenger" did not want to hear the radio because it was playing Arabic music. He denied making the insults.

Accepting Dr. Maimon's account, the court fined Cohen IL400, noting that he had failed to show the courtesy drivers owe the public.

## Two held for theft of gas containers

TEL AVIV. — Two men suspected of stealing gas containers from Tel Aviv homes were remanded for five days by the Magistrate's Court here yesterday. Police say they were caught trying to smuggle nine containers into the Administered Areas.

The two, Zaid Hussein, of Gaza, and Abdul Fatah Muhammad Diari, of Ramallah, were caught at police roadblocks after housewives in the Sderot Nordau and Haifa Road area had phoned police to complain that their gas containers were missing. Hussein maintained in court that he had bought his containers in the Jaffa flea market. Diari said he got his from a junk dealer.

## Eilat cemetery desecrated, 60 held

Jerusalem Post Reporter

EILAT. — Police have rounded up 60 suspects in connection with the desecration of several graves at the local cemetery on Saturday night.

A vandal smashed several headstones for no apparent reason, police said. All of the persons detained for questioning are locally-employed Arabs from other areas.

## Haifa youth hurt in chemistry experiment

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A high school pupil from Hader Hscarmel was seriously injured on Saturday when a chemistry experiment he was performing at his home exploded.

Moshe Hoffman, 17, was seriously hurt in the blast and his cousin was injured slightly.

## Immigrants' flats

The Ministry of Absorption is renting out flats which it has leased for immigrants, at the rate of 100 a week. The Ministry of Absorption claimed yesterday. Fewer than 1,900 are now available, and not 5,000 as incorrectly reported in a headline in this paper last week.

FLOOR TILE and concrete stair manufacturers have been assured of an adequate supply of cement by the Neher-Sefer marketing company, following the intervention of Haifa Labour Council Secretary Eliezer Molk. The cement products section of the Manufacturers Association appealed to him for help in overcoming the shortage, which threatens to slow down building work in the North.



## Class nature of May Day to be upheld

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon yesterday assured extreme left members of the Histadrut Executive that the class nature of May Day will not be overshadowed by celebrations of the 25th anniversary of the State.

Mr. Ben-Aharon said May 1 will be a day off as in previous years, and the slogan of celebrations will be: "Workers have built the nation, workers defend it, workers carry its flag, faithful to it and to class solidarity at home and abroad."

Mr. Ben-Aharon was trying to assure Ya'akov Rittin of the New Left faction, who moved that the May Day question be put on the agenda. The motion was defeated by Gahal voting with Labour, while Mapam members of the Alignment abstained.

Gahal members stormed out of the meeting when Mr. Ben-Aharon refused to schedule a special meeting of the Histadrut Council to discuss the inflationary process. The Secretary-General argued that the executive could not rule without a previous recommendation from the Central Committee. In Gahal's absence, the Council meeting was scheduled for May 17 to prepare for the Histadrut elections in September.

## Mayor told to call police when builders overcharge

RISHON LEZION. — Attorney-General Meir Shamgar has instructed Mayor Hanania Gihstein to inform the police every time contractors demand that apartment buyers pay larger fees than the municipality levies for municipal services such as road paving.

The Attorney-General's instructions came in response to a request for advice from the Mayor; after complaints were lodged that contractors were refusing to turn over apartments before the buyers paid up to three times the amount charged by the city. (*Itm*)

JOBS. — Only eight per cent of employees in West German firms are satisfied with their jobs, while 37 per cent of the country's executives like their work, according to a survey by the German business magazine, Capital.

## Ford and Carmel refuse to lower car price

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Prices of locally assembled cars remained unchanged yesterday despite a cut of 40 to 50 per cent in the purchase tax. According to Finance Ministry calculations this should have lowered the prices of Carmel cars (Autocars) by at least IL800 and the price of a four-door 1100 cc Ford Escort model by about IL1,200.

An Autocars spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* that the prices were not lowered because, by their calculations, the changes in rates of exchange (the floating pound sterling) and increased wages have raised the price of their product by an amount equal to the tax cut.

Mr. David Loewenstein, Assistant to the General Manager of the Palestine Automobile Corporation, local distributor of Ford, told a similar story. He claimed that in some cases, the tax cut would not even

cover all the costs going into the assembly of a car today.

A Transport Ministry official told *The Post* yesterday that this was the first he had heard about this decision of the local vehicle assembly dealers. "If what they have done is against the law, we will deal with it," he said.

Also on the price front, the spokesman for the State Revenue Administration told *The Post* last night that Dubek Ltd., the cigarette manufacturers, have been billed IL550,000, as excise taxes for a quantity of cigarettes it had marketed without price-marked tax labels.

The company claims a technical error caused the cigarettes to be packaged with labels bearing only serial numbers, but not the selling price. Since the cigarettes were being sold at the higher price, approved last week, the tax authorities have decided to ask Dubek for the higher tax as well.

## Celebrations held for three new Hebrew U. facilities

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ceremonies for three new Hebrew University facilities were held yesterday, two on the university's Mount Scopus campus and one at the Ein Karem medical school. All the donors were from Montreal.

The ceremonies were timed to coincide with the 35th annual meeting of the university's board of governors opening tomorrow.

A reception centre designed to be the starting point for tourists visiting the Mount Scopus campus is to be erected in the name of H.U. board of governors deputy chairman Allan Bronfman. The site was dedicated by Mr. Bronfman's sons Edward and Peter in honour of their father's 75th birthday. Canadian Ambassador T. Paul Malone, members of the Bronfman family and university official attended the dedication.

In the second ceremony, ground was broken for the new home of the Institute of Jewish Studies, donated by Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Segals.

The third ceremony was for the Eliezer and Chava Kolatacz Memorial Research Foundation for Leukemia and Cancer at the H.U. Faculty of Medicine.

In 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Kolatacz willed their fortune to cancer research after their son, David, died of leukemia, aged eight. A few months later they themselves died in the mid-air explosion of a Swissair jetliner, caused by Arab terrorists.

On Friday, the Myrtle Franklin Wing of the School of Nutritional and Domestic Sciences on the Hebrew University's faculty of agriculture campus in Rehovot was dedicated by British Friends of the Hebrew University, led by their chairman, Mrs. Myrtle Franklin.

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## Hanoi denies American prisoners' claims of torture and mistreatment

HONGKONG. — Hanoi yesterday denied charges by former American prisoners that they were badly treated during their captivity in North Vietnam.

The official "Nhan Dan" daily newspaper claimed in a commentary that the U.S. authorities had arranged press conferences for the former prisoners to slander North Vietnam.

Tales of cruelty and torture suffered by American prisoners at the hands of Vietnamese Communists have caused shock and revulsion among the American people and threatened to harm future U.S.-

North Vietnamese relations, according to reports from Washington. The commentary, quoted by the North Vietnam news agency, said, "U.S. authorities tried to arouse bigoted chauvinism among the American people in order to plead for their former mistakes and wreck the friendship between the Vietnamese and American peoples."

It warned that such tactics would not contribute to the building of normal relations.

The newspaper stressed that American prisoners were well treated during their captivity, in keeping with North Vietnam's humani-

tarian policy and for the sake of friendship with the American people. Meanwhile U.S. actress Jane Fonda called the returning U.S. prisoners "hypocrites, liars" for claiming they were tortured in North Vietnam.

The actress said in an interview on a National Broadcasting Company news show on Saturday night that the condition of the prisoners on their return proved the torture stories were untrue.

Miss Fonda's statement followed one by her husband, Tom Hayden, on Friday that the prisoners were "lying."

In Moscow, Tass reported that North Vietnam charged yesterday the U.S. has conducted air reconnaissance missions over its territory for the past two days in "violation" of the Paris peace agreement.

The Soviet government news agency said in a brief dispatch from Hanoi that American planes flew reconnaissance flights over North Vietnam's Quang Binh and Ha Tinh provinces on Friday and Saturday.

In Saigon, the South Vietnamese army yesterday reported two of its camps under attack on the edge of zones controlled by the Vietcong.

A military spokesman said Vietcong commandos fired 314 artillery and mortar rounds and hit Ton Ce Chan Ranger camp 80 kms. north of Saigon during Saturday night before a ground assault which the Rangers beat back.

In the central highlands, the Saigon command reported a five-hour battle near Thanh Giao, another Ranger base camp, in South-Western Pleiku province.

South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu arrived in Honolulu on Saturday aboard a new Air Vietnam Boeing 707 emblazoned "cooperation in peace" en route to talks with President Nixon about his country's future.

Mr. Thieu will visit the San Clemente White House today and tomorrow for his third meeting with Mr. Nixon. The stop will mark the first leg of a round-the-world trip.

(Reuters, AP, UPI)



The Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah al-Salem Sabah, and the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hassan al-Zayyat, discuss the Kuwait-Iraq border dispute on Saturday. Zayyat was in Kuwait in a mediation attempt.

(AP wirephoto)

## Yasser Arafat mediates Kuwait looks to talks with Baghdad soon

KUWAIT. — The Kuwait government said yesterday that it hopes to have direct talks with Iraq in the near future towards a settlement of their border crisis.

Speaking after a Cabinet meeting, Minister of State Abdel-Aziz Hussein added only that Kuwait had made its position clear, and still hoped the crisis could be solved without putting the issue formally before the Arab League currently meeting in Cairo.

An earlier report said an Iraqi delegation would come to Kuwait on April 8 — for a delayed second round of ministerial talks which began in Baghdad before the March 20 armed clash on the frontier.

But observers noted Kuwait's repeated declarations since then that there could be no talks towards a settlement before Iraq withdraws from the Samarra border post they occupied.

Arab mediators, including Egypt's

Foreign Minister Mohammed Hassan Zayyat and terrorist leader Yasser Arafat, have travelled to Iraq and Kuwait and met government leaders.

The Beirut newspaper "An Nahar" said yesterday Kuwaiti officials attached great importance to Arafat's mediation efforts because of his "high esteem" in Baghdad.

"While Baghdad may not want to give credit to other Arab mediation efforts, it has no objection to giving this credit to the Palestinian resistance movement," the newspaper said.

While Kuwait insisted on an Iraqi withdrawal, the Baghdad government was demanding a coastal plain at the head of the Persian Gulf to give it access to deep water areas for future port facilities, the newspaper said.

The Kuwaiti government, the newspaper said, was vehemently opposed to this demand. (Reuters, UPI)

## WRONG VEHICLE BLASTED

## Black September vow to avenge bomb attack

BEIRUT (UPI). — Black September terrorists have threatened retaliation for the unsuccessful assassination attempt on Saturday night against one of their leaders, the pro-terrorist newspaper "Al Moharrer" said yesterday.

The threat was made after a time-bomb explosion which wrecked a private car mistaken for another vehicle belonging to Zaid el-Helou, one of four men who assassinated Jordanian Premier Wasfi el-Tal in Cairo in September, 1971.

"Al Moharrer" said that Jordanian intelligence was behind the attempt. While police were investigating the blast, Helou arrived on the scene and told a reporter, "I left my car only five minutes before the explosion."

The explosion occurred in the garage of an apartment bloc in which Helou lives.

Quoting investigating authorities, the newspaper said the attackers mistook the vehicle — a Japanese-made Datsun — for another of the same make and colour belonging to Helou. The blast wrecked the car but caused no casualties in the neighbourhood.

Helou and three other Black September terrorists, who had admitted assassinating el-Tal, were released by Egyptian authorities and allowed to leave that country early this year.

Helou accused Jordanian, American and Israeli intelligence of plotting the attack, and urged Lebanese authorities to take steps to "stop these acts of sabotage."

"If the Lebanese authorities fail in taking the necessary measures against these criminals, I declare that the Black September has great abilities to punish the criminals and reach them wherever they are," Helou said. "Black September has proved through its other operations yesterday."

Roads, railways, bridge buildings and telecomm have also been heavily damaged. With the floods subsiding, clear skies, Libyan and helicopters and others of the Syrian Army were ferrying other essential supplies victims and isolated con-

proved through its other operations yesterday.

## Cyprus marks Eoka Day v fireworks — and two bo

NICOSIA (AP). — Feuding supporters of Cyprus President Archbishop Makarios and former Eoka leader Gen. George Grivas tossed bombs at each other, but there were no casualties in two separate incidents yesterday as the island celebrated Eoka day — anniversary of the launching of the Greek-Cypriot independence struggle in 1955.

One bomb wrecked a bar in the south coast town of Larnaca, an establishment used as a meeting place by Grivas' supporters.

The other caused slight damage at a left-wing pro-Makarios clubhouse in the village of Lysi near Nicosia.

A police statement said there were no casualties. The two bomb attacks were accompanied by numerous fireworks explosions throughout the island a traditional way of celebrating Eoka day.

Makarios officiated at a Te Deum national service for the dead of the 1955-59 Eoka liberation struggle in Nicosia's Phaneromeni church yesterday morning amid heavy security precautions. Armed police stood guard on rooftops and other vantage points around the church, while plain-clothes bodyguards mingled with the congregation.

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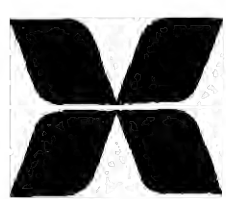
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## Nixon aides can testify in Watergate hearings

WASHINGTON. — President Richard Nixon has agreed to allow White House aides to be questioned about the Watergate Affair, after coming under pressure from powerful Senate Republicans.

He ruled that White House staff could testify before a federal grand jury probing allegations of extensive political espionage during the 1972 Presidential campaign.

The President also said through a spokesman that he would permit aides to give sworn testimony to a Senate panel specifically investigating the Watergate affair.

Until now, Mr. Nixon had claimed

## S.A. plant ups pay offer to striking Zulus

RICHARDS BAY, South Africa (Reuters). — The management of the Alusaf aluminium smelter here has increased its minimum pay offer to striking Zulu workers in the hope that they will go back to their jobs today.

A company spokesman said yesterday.

About 700 Zulus walked out of the plant last Sunday demanding more pay. White volunteers and some 200 non-striking Africans kept the plant, regarded as of national importance, in operation until Thursday, when about 100 national servicemen were brought in to replace the white volunteers.

Mr. J. J. Kitchoff, chairman of the Industrial Development Corporation, which is the controlling shareholder in the smelter, told reporters yesterday that the management had now offered to increase the minimum hourly wage from 18 cents (R1) for a 48 hour week to 22 cents.

"We hope it will be accepted and that the men will return to work on Monday," Mr. Kitchoff said.

Hundreds of workers, who originally demanded one rand (about R1.6) an hour, decided to collect their pay and leave on Saturday after rejecting earlier management offers.

Mr. Kitchoff said the troops had not been brought in as a strike-breaking measure, but solely to keep the plant in operation. The 150 smelting pots at the plant had to be kept heated all the time or else the metal in them would set.

## British dragnet for Ulster girl sniper

BELFAST. — The British Army yesterday ordered a major search for a girl sniper who shot at troops in Northern Ireland during the weekend and wounded one soldier.

The search came as the army seized 20 suspected guerrillas in military sweeps throughout the province.

Guerrillas left 30 incendiary bombs in three cinemas in Londonderry. Some of them went off, badly scorching seats and carpets. The bombs detonated after the audiences left and there were no casualties.

An army spokesman said troops were still looking for the rifle-toting girl who hit a soldier in the arm at a military checkpoint in Newry, close to the border with the Irish Republic, late Saturday.

The incident aroused speculation that the Irish Republican Army may have begun to put women on the firing line in its campaign to unite the mainly Protestant province with the predominantly Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

In Belfast, troops detained seven men after searching a house in the city outskirts and finding a home-made mortar. Thirteen other men were detained at Newry.

Sporadic explosions rocked the province. One bomb was thrown into a Belfast bar, but a customer picked it up and threw it out into the street, where it exploded harmlessly.

William Craig, leader of the right-wing Protestants' newly formed Vanguard Unionist Progressive Party (VUPP), said on Saturday the Provisional Irish Republican Army had new unspecified weapons and were on the verge of a new offensive in Northern Ireland.

Craig said he had intelligence information from the south that the Provisionals were training with these new weapons at remote camps in the Irish Republic.

(AP, UPI)



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PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION LAW, 1965  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
PUBLICATION OF NATIONAL OUTLINE PLAN

In connection with para. 54 of the Planning and Construction Law, the National Council for Planning and Construction has decided to publish the "National Outline Plan, Part A: General Principles and Objectives for Power Stations and Power Lines (First Part) Shown Sites".

This Plan has received governmental approval; it can be examined by the public at the following addresses:

- A. Planning Dept., Min. of the Interior, Hakirya, Jerusalem.
- B. Office of the Area Committee for Planning and Construction, Haifa (Government House, 11 Rehov Hassan Shukri).
- C. Office of the Area Committee for Planning and Construction, Hadera (Hadera Municipality Office).
- D. Main Office of the Israel Electric Corporation, Haifa (Power Station).

In the main, the areas covered by this plan are situated north of Nahal Hadera. The plan defines the boundaries and the allocation of the land for four oil fired conventional power stations, and specifies the equipment and associated power lines.

This area will be separated from adjacent areas by a green belt, defined as "a private open area." Its width on the north and east will be 60 metres. On the south side, along Nahal Hadera, the green belt will have a width of 150 metres. One hundred metres of this width are destined for "an open public area," intended for public purposes.

The public (pedestrians) will be able to pass along the beach. The power station buildings and chimneys will be at least 70 metres from the water line.

The mouth of Nahal Hadera will be relocated and will be made suitable for the water flow, in accordance with demands made by the bodies with legal right to make such demands.

The Government will set up a professional body which will, in accordance with technical principles, lay down the means to be taken to prevent contamination of the sea, and of surface and underground water, atmospheric pollution, thermal pollution of the sea, and noise nuisance.

The plan gives details of some of these measures.

Anyone interested in examining this plan may do so, without payment, during hours and on days when the above offices are open.

March 30, 1973

HAIM KOVARNY, Chairman,  
National Council for Planning and Construction

## 30 rebels, 5 police killed in Philippines

MANILA (UPI). — Government forces clashed with Maoist-led Muslim rebels at three points in the Southern Philippines on Friday and Saturday, government authorities said yesterday. About 30 rebels, and five policemen were killed, they said.

In the town of Labangan, 900 km. southwest of Manila, Government troops using machineguns and mortars, and backed by naval guns, sank three rebel boats and killed an estimated 30 Muslim insurgents on Friday.

On Jolo Island, 1,200 km. south of Manila, rebels killed two constables and three local policemen in an ambush on Saturday. Military authorities said sporadic fighting was continuing in Jolo.

In Cotabato province, 1,040 km. southwest of Manila, an undetermined number of insurgents attacked a platoon of soldiers. The government announcements on the encounter, without mentioning casualties, said the insurgents were repulsed after an hour of heavy fighting.

## Pakistan holds military men for plotting

RAWALPINDI (Reuters). — As many as 80 Pakistani officers are being interrogated following discovery of a plot to overthrow the Government, usually reliable sources said here yesterday.

The Ministry of Defence disclosed on Friday that "a small group" of military officers and some civilians had been detained. A list of 24 men released Saturday night named 20 serving officers including a brigadier, three lieutenant-colonels, a wing commander and a squadron leader.

But sources here said that many more men had been picked up over the weekend for questioning.

According to the Defence Ministry, the group "engaged in activities directed towards seducing certain military personnel from their duty or allegiance to the Government." The arrested officers are to be tried by court-martial, the Government announced.

## Israel sportsmen praise S. African security work

PRETORIA (Reuters). — The best-guarded sportsman at the South African games here is Israel fencer Yehuda Weinstein, who escaped last year's Munich Olympics massacre.

Two South African security men shadow the young fencer wherever he goes.

Fainclothes security men are also keeping watch over other Israelis here for the games. A member of the bowls team told reporters yesterday: "The security is very efficient and unobtrusive. We appreciate the way we are being protected."

Mr. Haim Wein, a member of the Israel Olympic Committee, remarked: "The South African Security Police are great guys. I've been guarded by police in other countries, but you have to go a long way to meet such polite, efficient and inconspicuous chaps."

## At least six die in Cincinnati building collapse

CINCINNATI, Ohio (AP). — Four persons are known dead and two others were missing yesterday, after an explosion levelled a downtown building, fire officials said.

"There should be two more in there. I think we'll have at least six dead," said Fire Chief Bert Lugansani as he emerged from an inspection tour of the rubble.

At least seven others were injured in the collapse of the building late Saturday night. Earlier reports had said three persons were trapped in the basement of the building, but there was no immediate word as to their fate.

Lugansani said officials suspected a gas leak was the cause of the explosion. He said several other buildings suffered structural damage in the blast and a dozen cars in the area were damaged.

## Five beaten to death in Detroit flat

DETROIT (Reuters). — Police trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the execution-style slaying of five black men in a Detroit flat said on Friday that the killings occurred about a week ago.

The men were bludgeoned to death and were slashed either in the throat or across the wrists with a knife. Their hands and feet were bound, police said.

The killings are the second worst multiple murders in Detroit history. In June 1971 three men and four women were killed in a narcotics den on the city's near west side. An eighth victim, a man, died later of wounds.

Police were still searching for a motive or suspects in the latest killings but one officer said a preliminary investigation indicated the murders were not linked to drugs or robbery.

The discovery of the five bodies plus two other unrelated murders on Thursday raised the city's homicide total for this year to 168, compared with 132 for the same period last year.

Detroit had more murders — 692 — last year than any other U.S. city.

CANARIES. — A 10-year-old boy in La Coruna, Spain told a juvenile court that he killed 15 canaries at a pet shop with an air rifle to "test my marksmanship."

## Pheasants and caviar, goldfish and Mao's poems

## PEKING OPENS FRIENDSHIP STORE FOR FOREIGNERS

By JAMES PRINGLE

PEKING (Reuters). — Peking opened its new "friendship store" for foreign residents and visitors yesterday with its star item in the super-tax bracket range — an exquisite piece of green jade set in a gold ring and costing about 14,000,000.

The store, which sells everything from Chairman Mao Tse-tung's poems printed on silk to sewing machines, flowers, live goldfish, antiques, fresh fruit, pheasants and caviar, takes over the role of several small shops and is situated

symbolically just outside the former wall of old Peking.

Many foreign residents in the Chinese capital regret the closing on Saturday of such colourful establishments as the "Tibetan shop," and the "Three Arcades" on Peking Suzhou Street, just outside the East Gate of the forbidden city.

### ISOLATING FOREIGNERS

Some believe the reason the shops have been regrouped in one three-storey building — constructed in Chinese Socialist realism style — is in order to reduce the number of

foreigners in the Chinese section of the city.

The new building, which has neon signs in both Chinese and English, is near one of Peking's diplomatic compounds and next to the recently opened New International Club.

In the old shops, residents could play an impromptu game of ping-pong on a table set up in a courtyard, and catch their own fish from a small pond with a net.

"The new building is clean, well-lighted and spacious — but sterile and totally without character," said one diplomat. There were also com-

plaints from shoppers — many of them Russian and East European — that prices had been increased.

Ideology was muted, however, with no wall portraits of Chairman Mao, although silk pictures of Chinese leaders, and Lenin and Stalin could be bought besides Chairman Mao's poems.

But foreigners still have a reason to go into the older areas of Peking. Shops selling antiques for foreigners are still open in a lane in the southern part of the city, as are the Chinese second-hand shops which many non-Chinese residents like to explore.

## N.Y. station cancels 'Jews for Jesus' show

By AL RAPHAEL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — A half-hour programme on "Jews for Jesus," scheduled to be shown on television in New York on Thursday, was cancelled at the last minute following a massive protest by the Jewish community.

The programme was produced by the Beth Shalom Hebrew Christian fellowship in Los Angeles, a national missionary organization devoted to presenting Jesus as the Messiah of the Jewish people. Beth Shalom bought time to present the programme, which deals with Jewish converts to Christianity.

The programme was widely publicized in the television weekly magazine "TV Guide," after which station WPIX-TV was swamped with thousands of telephone calls and letters calling for its cancellation. On Wednesday a preview of the programme was held for some 15 leaders of various Jewish social action groups.

One of the participants at the meeting told *The Jerusalem Post* that the programme presented Judaism as a "miserable religion" because the Jews have not accepted Jesus. It was the consensus of the Jewish community leaders who viewed it that the programme portrayed a distorted and downgraded Judaism and it should be treated as a defamation and withheld from public broadcast.

Announcing the programme's cancellation on Thursday morning, Richard Hughes, senior vice-president in charge of community affairs programming at WPIX-TV, said that "after consultation with numerous responsible community leaders, we determined that showing the programme would not be in the public interest at this time."

Meanwhile, the Columbia Broadcasting System announced the same day that it was dropping a programme series called "Bridge Loves Bernie" from its prime-time schedule for the autumn.

The decision to drop the programme was "absolutely removed, independent, and dissociated from criticism of the show from some Jewish groups," said Robert Wood, president of the CBS television network. The programme had been attacked by many organisations as being offensive to Judaism because its plot line centres on the marriage of a Jew and a gentile.

## Bandits buy freedom with part of loot

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters). — Police searched yesterday for three bandits who escaped after a \$1,000,000 (R1,600,000) hold-up by gambling their lives against the greed of their pursuers.

Chased by a crowd and armed guards screaming "lynch them, lynch them," the trio twice dipped their hands into bags containing their loot and threw handfuls of bank notes into the air.

Seeing the notes fluttering in the wind the pursuers fought amongst each other for the money. In the confusion the bandits escaped unharmed.

## Drop in divorce demands in Italy

ROME (AP). — Demands for divorce fell sharply in Italy last year, the National Statistics Bureau announced on Saturday.

It said 20,410 divorce requests were filed during 1972 compared with 53,615 the year before. But applications for legal separation increased, from 21,514 in 1971 to 22,692 last year.

The Bureau said the divorce rate was particularly high in 1971 because it was the first year of the divorce law in Roman Catholic Italy.

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## No-exit purgatory for educated Soviet Jews

By STEPHENS BROENING  
MOSCOW (AP). — For 60 rubles a month, Lev Libov nails sound-proof padding on the apartment doors of people seeking to leave. As a Ph.D. in metallurgy, he is massively over-qualified for his work, but it provides a living for his wife Natalya and their 9-year-old son Dan.

He lost the job he was trained for after he applied for permission to leave for Israel nearly two years ago. Since then he has been assigned to a kind of no-exit purgatory, earning especially for thousands of Soviet Jews the state refuses to yield.

Like many of the well educated Jews who have tried to join the flow of emigrants to Israel — running about 2,300 a month this year — Libov has been prevented from working in his specialty and flatly prevented from leaving. For him and others like him the hurdle of the diploma tax seems light years away. The men who control emigration apparently feel he knows too much, that his departure will subtract from the national sum of knowledge and slow the march toward communism.

In his desperation, Libov has turned to a mild sort of activism, the signing of open letters, petitions and the occasional tentative attack at a government office. During the visit of President Nixon last spring, five policemen arrested him at home before dawn and held him in 10 days' preventive detention.

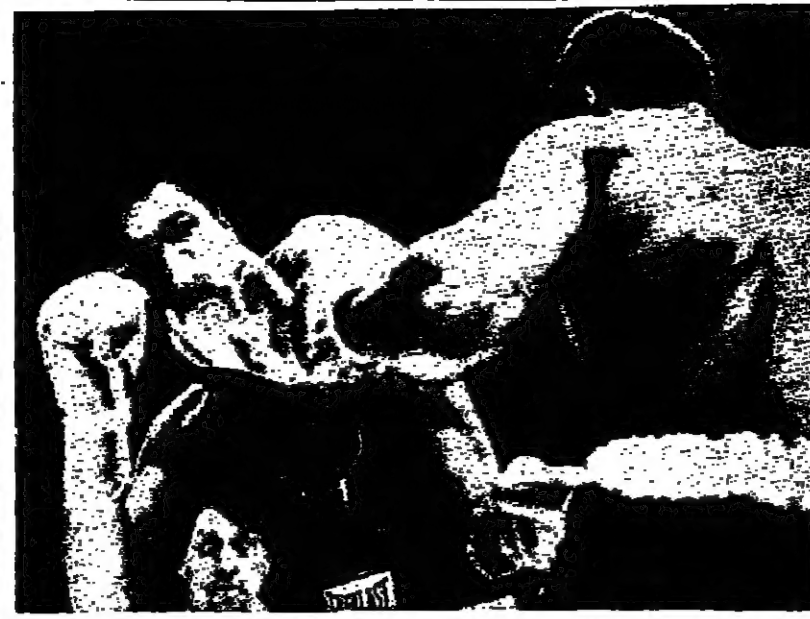
Details of Libov's situation emerged from a series of interviews with Moscow Jews who agreed to discuss their difficulties. They claimed there were thousands like them throughout the Soviet Union.

Among those interviewed were the families of:

• Yuri Koshlovsky, a physicist who was fired when he applied for the "character references" necessary to support an application for an exit visa. Officials said he could go but his wife Nora's "special qualifications" as a former mathematician at Moscow State University would keep her here.

• Barukh Einbinder, a former physicist at the Institute of Physical Chemistry of the Academy of Sciences. He applied for character references on Dec. 26, 1971. Two days later, he was fired. He hasn't worked since and risks arrest for "parasitism." He has a wife, Orlov, and a 7-month-old son.

• Antony Novikov, metallurgical engineer, and his wife, Isabella. Officials told the wife her previous work was secret. She still has a job but declares "no one speaks to me at work." She says she wants for her son Mark, 8, to be somewhere where he never again has to hear the word "zhid."



Muhammad Ali holds his left hand high to protect his broken jaw from a Ken Norton punch, in their 12-round bout in San Diego, California, on Saturday night. The former heavyweight champion lost a split decision to the 28-year-old Norton. (AP wirephoto)

## Frazier looks on, delighted Norton beats Cassius Clay in split decision

SAN DIEGO (Reuter). — Former world heavyweight champion Cassius Clay-Muhammad Ali, appearing slower than in the past but still fighting effectively, lost a split decision Saturday to local boxer Ken Norton to suffer the second defeat of his career.

The defeat could cause a setback in the career of Ali. A planned match with the new champion, George Foreman, who defeated Joe Frazier in January, now seems unlikely.

Norton, who had never before fought a major opponent, swung wildly through much of the fight, and his slam-bang approach persuaded referee Frank Rustich to judge Hal Rickards to give him the fight; but judge Fred Hayes gave the fight to Ali.

Norton, 28, an ex-Marine, had a hypnotist on his team to instill confidence. The hypnotist, Dr. Michael Dean, had a 45-minute session with him on the eve of the fight and sat at the ringside.

All had his jaw broken in the first round. A cut showed in his mouth in the fifth round and was opened again with a powerful looping in the sixth. But he did not appear to be suffering.

There were no knockdowns throughout the 12-round fight, and the most dramatic moments were Norton's wild drives to land body punches.

Norton, who moved to San Diego after leaving the U.S. Marines, had a record of 31 wins, including 24 knockouts, and one defeat. Before the fight, he was ranked eighth by the World Boxing Association and sixth by the World Boxing Council.

Ali's purse from the bout was a \$210,000 guarantee, and Norton,

who had earned only \$6,000 in his most lucrative previous fight, got \$50,000.

Watching from the ringside was the former champion, Joe Frazier, who appeared delighted that Ali had lost.

**Freedman Bridge Cup won by T.A. team**  
By GEORGE E. LEVINREW

The Tel Aviv team of Kate-Shaufel, Bogair-Kapusta, won the two-session Freedman Bridge Cup Team of Four tournament at Beer-Sheva Saturday with a score of 153 victory points. There were 32 teams competing.

The players included teams from Jerusalem, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Beer-Sheva, Netanya, Savyon, Tivon, Herzliya, Ashdod, Kiryat Gat, Rehovot and the kibbutzim.

The Freedman Cup was donated in honor of Israel Freedman, an inspector of the Ministry of Education and a leading Beer-Sheva bridge player before his untimely death in 1965. Last year's winners of the cup was the Savyon-Tel Aviv team of Azriel-Meshulam, Katz-Rand, Azriel-Meshulam played this year with the Savyon team including Levy-Stopper and placed third with a score of 149. Second this year, also with a score of 149, was the team of Jerusalem juniors: Glik-Levy, Erdberg-Tender. They achieved second place, despite the same score, through achieving more victories than the third-place team.

Fourth was a mixed Tel Aviv-Beer-Sheva-Jerusalem team of Levit-Lev, Mayron-Levinew with a score of 145.

The results of the National Pair Game at Beer-Sheva on Friday have not yet been computed.

## U.S. Panther enters local political race

OAKLAND, California (AP). — Mayor John Reading, white Republican incumbent, ranks Black Panther chairman Bobby Seale as the leading contender against him in a field of nine candidates in Oakland's April 17 election.

Seale and the Panthers involved have been identified with black revolutionary philosophy and have figured in murder and conspiracy trials in recent years, but now they are committed to working within the system with old-fashioned get-out-the-vote campaigning.

Seale has been an announced candidate since May, but the ground work was done months earlier in a series of Black Panther "survival conferences" at which thousands of free bags of food, including chickens, were given to low-income black families.

By then a charge that Seale had ordered the murder of a Black Panther had been dropped in New Haven, Conn., after a jury was unable to agree on a verdict. The last of conspiracy charges against the "Chicago Seven" growing out of police and demonstrator clashes at the 1968 Democratic National Convention there also had been dropped.

Seale and the Panthers developed an escort programme to help elderly social security and welfare recipients cash their checks. They organized transportation for families visiting fathers or sons in San Quentin and other prisons. They staged sickle-cell anemia testing clinics and backed research into the disease which mainly afflicts blacks.

The 1970 census reported Oakland's population at 387,000: 213,000 whites and 174,000 blacks, with 35,000 Spanish-speaking or Spanish-named residents. Seale backers estimate that 55,000 of a 175,000 total of registered voters will be black, with 20,000 registered Mexican-American voters and about 100,000 other whites.

Oakland voted 85,000 to 49,000 against Richard Nixon last November, but in past years has re-elected Republican mayors by overwhelming margins.

## Cats and their people



Worshipped and reviled. (Rachel E)

By IAN BROWN

LONDON (FWF). —

PEOPLE don't own cats. Cats own them. Of all domestic animals — and that includes man himself — the cat is the only one to maintain a true independence. By nature, a dog quickly becomes devoted to its owner. It will accept complete domination and, indeed, be grateful for it. A cat will live in your house, eat your food and even show a bit of affection from time to time. But part of it is always withdrawn.

The mystery of a cat's independence is the reason why there is so much literature and speculation about the feline mind and why the cat has had such a chequered history — worshipped in one century, reviled in the next.

It is also the reason why so many people prefer to have in their homes a cat with all its incongruities rather than a dog with its slavish adoration.

Scientists can now explain the mechanism that enables a cat to see in the dark. They can explain that a cat is so graceful because no other animal is so powerfully muscled in proportion to its weight. They can even explain why in centuries B.C.E. the Chinese used cats as weather forecasters: changes in atmospheric pressure can cause a cat to become restive.

But they are nowhere near finding an answer to how its works. They agree with the 16th century French essayist, Montaigne who wrote: "When I play with a cat, who knows but that she regards me more as a plaything than I do her."

While every cat has a different personality, there are several traits common to all. When wishes to join a group of, for instance, it must go running in or out. Except when in or out of passion, cats seldom to each other. Their conversation with other animals is limited to hissing or growling. Yet with many cats — particularly Siamese — will make a large variety of noises.

Cats go by shape and poise and show little interest in color. It's not the colour, but the cat that attracts them to flower pots almost always prefer to water in which flowers have rather than fresh water.

Part of the "nine-lives" stems from the fact that cats are amazingly tough in a fight. Some cats are more affectionate than others — and some strange ways of expressing affection. The pet of authors, Gertrude Stein used to wake each morning by pressing a dead mouse against her cheek.

A survey has shown that British households are dominated by a cat. Family members are geared to the cat's wish some couples even confessed to being in single beds because they preferred the double one.

The ancient Egyptians worshipped the cat that any cat covered killing one was excommunicated by Persia in 530 B.C. Before the invasion, the Persians issued every soldier a cat. The Egyptians, terrified by the animals, dared not harm the Persian Army and the Persians were taken with blow being struck.

Before the Norman Conquest, cats were highly valued for their mouse-catching abilities. Walter, there was a law by a man who killed or stole had to recompense the owner as much wheat "as would cover the cat when held the tail with its nose touch ground."

But by the 15th century countries believed that cat emissaries of the devil and were always burned along with the stake. This notion with the devil was the why Dante, Shakespeare and were among those who cooed to be in the same room cat, and why many people still have an inexplicable feline.

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the high fashion ready-to-wear designers' creations throughout their own salons of around Paris. Through hundreds of manufacturers' creations, the fashion show is varied try to force one on the newly liberated popular among the is the classic, narrow look, what the "English style." The knit-knit twin sweater, buttoned V-neck cardigan, the neat trousers,

close look at  
daddy-bashing

AGGY BAKER  
LONDON (UPI). — on, in Britain, Big no longer officially the yet it comes to deciding future. A new government's Guardianship Bill, survey has been deciding their children's education and religious

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the pleated skirt, the duffle coat, the  
Hemlines on wool shirtwaist dresses or skirts prowled around the knee many a good hand's width above; Dan Berenger, head stylist at Emmeuse, made some bias dresses well below the knee. They had long blouson tops that ended below the rear, borrowed, shall we say, from Emmanuel Ungaro's high fashion collection of January.

The coat that kept popping up on the racks was the trenchcoat, in either raincoat material, satin, silk or heavy wool. The French like to tie the belt casually and leave the buckle flopping loose. Trousers for winter are high-waisted with tucked fronts, Marlene Dietrich style. They fit over the bottom like wallpaper and then become quite wide in the legs. The big winter colours are deep bottle green, wine red, chocolate brown and camel.

Some shoppers sniffed that those gold and silver lurex evening sweaters would be one-season fad last year, but they are all around for next winter. For the rock trade were T-shirts printed like American pinball machines, or embroidered with sequins or bird feathers hand-painted with animals. One off-beat boutique, "Ko and Co," is showing white felt, loose dresses hand painted with animals or edged with leather fringe or banded in calico.

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CALCUTTA (AP) — ice workers in Calcutta demanding a government stop bottom-pinching already have forced titles to set up ticket lines at Calcutta Railway station. has been done yet demonstrators' end to the pinching site transport.



Short-sleeved chambray dress from Genia's collection with sunray pleated skirt in silk with yellow and marigold flowerheads printed in a black ground. Hemline, sleeves and Peter Pan collar are banded in orange and black. At right: Dior-inspired dress in chiffon with wide inset waistband, full sleeves gathering into tight buttoned cuffs — all in yellow.



Typical of several spring coat styles in this Balmain-inspired model cut in a flaring A-line, wrapover and belted with the new kimono sleeve cut — this one comes in brilliant yellow.

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Two sporty outfits, both inspired by St. Laurent: At left, yellow gaberdine pants suit with wide legs tops a tramline check silk shirt in black, white and yellow. The outfit on the right consists of a navy blue, yellow and white printed silk dress with knife-pleated skirt, topped by a short-sleeved yellow linen bolero jacket.

## 'Exclusive copies' in Tel Aviv show

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — TWENTY-FIVE years ago, the Genia fashion house put on their first fashion show in aid of Wiso. Keeping up with tradition, an elegant collection of Genia fashions once again appeared last week, this time in the framework of Wiso's 25th Anniversary fashion show at the Tel Aviv Hilton.

The story of Genia actually dates back far further than the founding year of the State: Genia Albini opened her shop on Allenby Road (it still occupies the original premises today) 34 years ago. "There certainly wasn't much in the way of fashion then in the district," she recalls. In those days many of the customers were elegant Arab women, many from neighbouring countries. Sometimes they came with their husbands or with a large group of women from the same family. "One day," recalls Genia, "a well-dressed Egyptian gentleman walked into the shop — I later learned that he had travelled with his private train from Cairo especially to visit my shop. He picked out eight or ten models in rapid succession and then, in faultless French, asked for a discount — a matter of custom with Arab customers. After I had wrapped up his many purchases, I asked for his name. 'Sidiy Pasha,' he replied as he walked out."

From the start, Genia specialised in her own line of exclusive models, usually made in the best imported fabrics. Asked where her designs come from, she admits frankly that most are copies from French couture collections, often made up in the original French or Italian fabrics. Workmanship is of a very high standard. These are definitely clothes for the elegant woman who can afford to pay for the best; but there are also some less expensive, younger-looking styles. The clothes pictured here are typical of some of the best styles in the present collection.

## U.S. women rally against meat prices

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A small but enthusiastic band of several hundred angry housewives braved steady rain to protest against rising meat prices outside the White House Saturday evening. To call attention to the soaring price of beef, an armoured truck pulled up to the rally shortly before it began and a skinned steak was carried out, under armed guard. Similar rallies were scheduled across the country, despite President Nixon's announcement on Thursday that he had imposed a price ceiling on the present level of retail and wholesale beef, pork and lamb prices. He said later he did not mean that prices should stay at the ceiling, and his aim was a cutback in prices; but the President's action did little to appease irate housewives. The rally launched a week-long meat boycott aimed at lowering meat prices. Consumer groups have distributed meatless menus to help maintain the boycott. The price of meat in the U.S. has risen sharply in the past year, and even more drastically in the

## A Nixon burn-off

NEW CANAAN, Connecticut (AP). — A dandelion-and-egg omelet and deep-fried pecans topped with mushroom sauce took top culinary honours Saturday in a contest to find the best meatless recipes. Called the Nixonburger Burn-off, the competition was sponsored by the local Democratic committee to dramatize the rising price of meat and to offer practical ways to cut grocery bills by using more meat substitutes, said Patricia Brooks, committee chairman. The prize-winning dishes and three runners-up — all of which are served on hamburger buns — were sealed in plastic bags and sent to the White House. While conceding the political overtones of the contest, Mrs. Brooks maintained the burn-off also served a practical purpose in publicizing methods to economize by using fewer meat dishes.

past month or two. Washington markets were charging up to \$2.29 a pound for the best beef, with even average steaks going for \$1.69 a pound, and the cheapest cut of hamburger meat at \$0.95. Democratic Congressman Benjamin Rosenthal of New York told the protesters that the boycott was a battle against the large corporate farmer, meat speculators and subsidization of grain for the Soviet Union. He charged this caused a shortage of feed grain in the U.S. and ultimately helped to increase meat prices.

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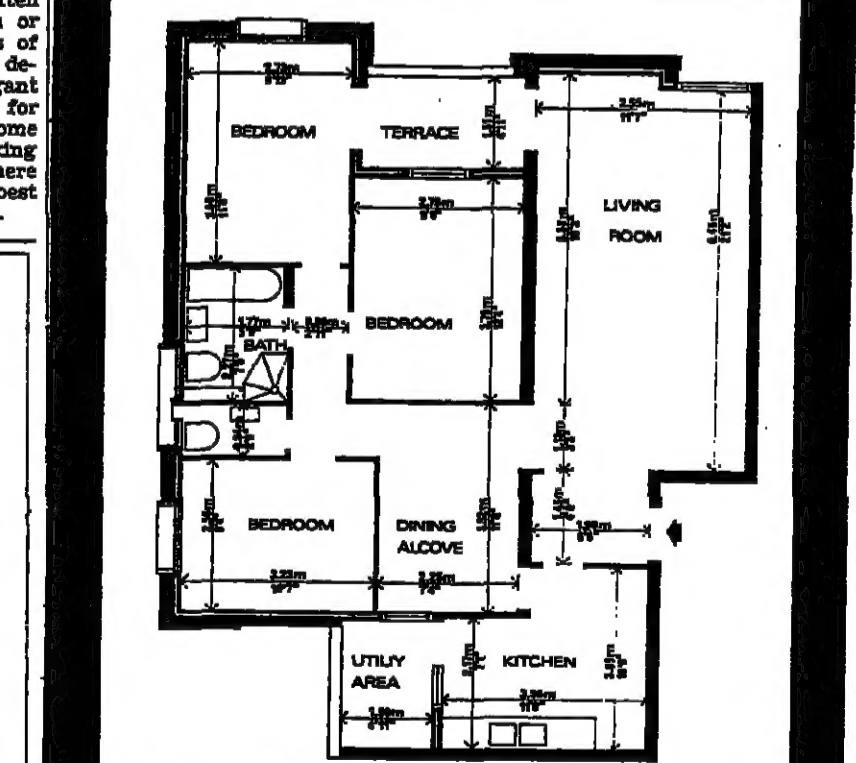
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The battle is not over prices, but for the Histadrut's prestige

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Post Economic Editor

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At a closer look, one may argue that the situation has in fact worsened, because the clash between the Government and the Histadrut over the relatively insignificant price rise has revealed how strong the inflationary forces, and how weak the defences of monetary stability, are in both camps. Any chance of skipping the mid-year C-O-L allowance has been lost by the disclosure that the Treasury is not underwriting the price stability of even the dozen "basic" commodities.

The question is now only how large an allowance the Histadrut will insist on. Even a modest allowance would take into account the recent price creep, and would therefore add to the consumers' income a multiple of the amount they lost through the recent price hikes. Moreover, manufacturers facing another wage hike of 3 to 4 per cent are unlikely to keep prices stable. As a result the pace of inflation is likely to quicken.

On the face of it, all this need not happen. The Histadrut has demanded a mid-year C-O-L allowance — but the Treasury may refuse to pay it. Manufacturers may rightly claim that, in conditions of tight price control, coupled with a credit squeeze, they cannot let wage costs rise. The Government may point to its commitment to keep the budget balanced and avoid tax increases. If this line is firmly held, the dent in people's incomes must be felt in course of time, and the inflationary spiral may be halted. If prices continue to rise — as has

been forecast by Haim Bar-Lev — the squeeze on people's incomes may become yet more pronounced, and the home demand further reduced, in accordance with economists' counsel.

However, in prevailing circumstances, such a view is either naive or demagogic. Economic decisions depend not on textbook formulae, but on live social forces. Israel's employees (as well as employers) have of course improved their lot over the past year in spite of the considerable price rises, and they could now stand some increase in the C-O-L without being reimbursed for it.

But the proper time for missing out a C-O-L allowance was when it was obviously superfluous and damaging — i.e. last January. Now, with trade union militancy on the increase, with heightened consumer awareness of the price creep, and with the elections due, neither the manufacturers nor the government can be expected to heed the economists' warnings. In case of need, credits will be made available and deficit financing will again be resorted to by the public sector in order to avoid social tension. A hangover may yet come, but hardly before the end of this year, for all too obvious reasons.

### BATTLE OF KNIGHTS

In the popular version of last week's events (dramatized by the media) they appeared as a fight between the White Knight — Finance Minister Pihlas Sapir, pledged to defend the economy and to kill the inflationary dragon — and the Red Knight — Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, rushing to repulse the onslaught of orthodox finance on people's living standards.

But one should beware of believing such nursery stories. Mr. Sapir seems to have realized at long last that insulating the cost of living against the impact of both home and worldwide inflation is a Canute-like task. The Government has indeed resolved to put a limit — though not an end — to the flood of subsidies paid to private consumption. However, Mr. Sapir has carefully avoided repudiating the principle of subsidization, leaving it a moot point whether consumers ought to pay their way or are entitled to live on public charity. The debate with the Histadrut has been deliberately confined to details. Throughout the pretence has been maintained that the Treasury just cannot afford another dozen or so millions.

Moreover, Mr. Sapir has shown that his promise to keep the budget balanced this year should not be taken literally. While the public was preoccupied with the added subsidies, little attention has been paid to the fact that subsidies formed only part of last week's IL417m. supplementary budget, of which more than one-half is to be financed by borrowing (from the commercial banks) and by such uncertain devices as "postponing approved capital investments" and "deepening collection of income tax."

**LATE ADMISSION**  
The Treasury's admission that an additional IL220m. in income tax could be collected and that IL200m. of allegedly essential spending could be postponed shows that public strictures of our fiscal policy are not unfounded. But this belated admission also indicates how loosely budgetary planning is still handled and how much inflationary pressure is still generated by the public sector.

On the other hand, Mr. Ben-Aharon, and the Histadrut's Central Committee, while pretending to fight tooth and nail for their members' living standards, did not in fact oppose the price rise which, as they well realized — could not be avoided. In the crucial debate they were almost ready to meet Mr. Sapir half-way. The much publicized clash in fact turned on trifles. What really mattered (from the trade unions' point of view) was not that subsidies were reduced, or that con-

sumers were hurt, but that the Government dared act without the Histadrut's assent. It is on this point that Mr. Ben-Aharon is adamant, and understandably so, because in order to keep his course of a Histadrut detached from the State, he must cultivate the trade unions' militancy — whether or not that serves the common good.

A case in point has been Mr. Ben-Aharon's support of wholesale — as against selective — price subsidies. Irrespective of economic and social considerations. Whether or not one agrees with this view, it must appear rather odd coming from Histadrut headquarters, until one realizes that selective aid would undermine the principle of the automatic C-O-L allowance and would thus shift the centre of gravity in social matters from the Histadrut to the national administration. So last week's clash was not concerned with price subsidies or with fighting inflation, but with the trade unions' role in Israel's economy. More exactly, it was concerned with the chances of carrying out some kind of a Central Bank law with or without the Histadrut's support when a new Government will eventually be formed.

### Trade deficit up in February

Despite more optimistic predictions, the trade deficit in February was 50 per cent higher than the previous month's — from \$48m. to \$72m. — the Central Bureau of Statistics has announced. Imports (net) in February amounted to \$189m. as compared with \$154m. in January, the Bureau spokesman said. This rise of 23 per cent was higher than anticipated in view of the normal seasonal fluctuation in these months, he said.

Not exports totalled \$116m. in February, as against \$105m. in January.

### Kol: Make Eilat an int'l tourist centre

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
EILAT — A call to make Eilat an international tourist centre — with inexpensive group flights landing here and the completion of an airport to accommodate international jet flights — was made yesterday by Tourism Minister Moshe Kol. Mr. Kol was speaking at the opening of the 200-room Ganei Shulmit hotel on the shore of the "Venetian Lagoon." The hotel, built by the Eliahuvi company, cost IL5m. He said that in the next few months the Government will determine its aviation policy. The Minister did not elaborate, but the reference appeared to confirm that Israel plans to review its ban on charter flights.

### Six photographers win Museum prizes

**Jerusalem Post Art Editor**  
Six Israeli photographers each received awards of IL750 from the Israel Museum for folders of photographs submitted as part of the "Israel Through the Eyes of an Israeli" contest. The six are Avshalom Boneh, Benjamin Hadar, the team of Igal and Ron Haville, Reuven Milon, David Plisov and Abba Richman. One hundred and twenty-eight photographers entered the contest. However, the international jury (J.J. Sweeney, Cornell Capa, Rossana Bleschot-Burri, Yacov Ager and David Eidan) have recommended that the final competition and exhibition be postponed till the summer of 1974 in order to give photographers time to develop the theme. The first international triennale of photography will open in Jerusalem next September, with the participation of 10 Israeli and 17 foreign photographers. The exhibition will be devoted to the theme: "The Concerned Photographer." "Jerusalem-City and Man," and "Pioneer 19th Century Photography."

## U.S. farmers help offset trade deficit with Japan

**WASHINGTON (AP).** — The big grain sales to the Soviet Union last year and the beginning trickle of trade with China are important, but many government officials believe the long-range best bet overseas for U.S. farmers is Japan.

American farm exports to Japan have tripled in a decade, totalling \$140m. of the record \$940m. in overseas sales last calendar year. By 1975 or sooner, according to some Agriculture Department authorities, the Japanese purchases will be \$2,000m. a year.

Bruce L. Greenhalgh, a government foreign demand expert, writing in the latest issue of "Foreign Agriculture Trade of the U.S.," notes what he calls the paradox of U.S.-Japan trade imbalance. The American farmer, he says, "is called on to increase his exports to Japan to pay for industrial imports from Japan."

Last year Japan sold far more industrial goods to the U.S. than it purchased in return. That left a trade deficit of \$4.1b. Strictly on the basis of farm products, however, Japan sold only \$53m. worth of those to the U.S. while buying \$14.4b. in return.

A METABOLIC unit and a pulmonary disease unit were inaugurated yesterday at Sheba (Tel Hashomer) hospital in the presence of the two donors, Julius Rosenberg, of the U.S., and Joseph Jarvis, of the U.K.

## Ashdod refinery being run in

Jerusalem Post Reporter

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air pollution, he explained.

He said that once the Ashdod

plant is in full operation, the Haifa

refinery will be overhauled and

modernized.

The Ashdod facility will employ

250 persons. They have already been

trained for their jobs at Haifa.

Mr. Bartel paid tribute to the

planners and designers of the new

refinery. He noted that two-thirds

of the plant's equipment was made

in Israel. Unlike the Haifa refinery,

it has no cooling towers, using

smaller, air-cooling devices, he said.

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## A matter of mathematics

THE six university professors who went to call on Prime Minister Meir today to put before her their views on the Bader-Ofir amendment of the Election Law did not do so with any claim that, as professors, their view is of special significance, but because they feel that the mathematical aspects of the law need explanation.

When the votes come to be divided up, they say, in the normal run of things parties emerge entitled to one or more whole seats and some fraction of a seat. As one cannot have a fraction of a Knesset member, a way has to be found to recombine the fractions and award them to the party with the best claim. In recent elections, the extra seats have gone to the parties obtaining the largest fraction of a seat. The Bader-Ofir amendment would instead withhold them from small parties whose average number of votes per seat is sharply lowered by receiving, for instance, a second seat for less than the full number of votes needed, and award them to the large parties, whose average vote-per-seat is little affected.

The professors' view is that there is no totally satisfactory way of dealing with fractions of a seat or fractions of a member: all we can hope to do is to minimize the unfairness. And it is obviously, visibly, unfair that a party that has obtained, say, 55.5 per cent of the votes should receive 58 per cent of the seats — as would be likely

under the Bader-Ofir amendment. It is argued in return that under direct elections the winner takes all in his constituency, and that this is widely accepted.

What is involved here is a matter of playing fair with the voter. The voter is entitled to know what he is doing when he casts his vote. If a combination of the large parties is determined to cut down the small parties that can expect to survive — and this may be a good thing — it can be done by the introduction of a rule that no party polling less than 3 or 4 or 5 per cent of the total votes is entitled to sit in parliament at all. Israel at present limits participation to parties polling at least 1 per cent, thus admitting one-man parties. The voter would be aware of the limitation, and might well decide not to give his vote to a party liable to be eliminated.

The system proposed now is difficult to understand and no guide to the voter at all. The professors themselves, who are not concerned with politics, proposed as an alternative that all the small parties might constitute themselves as a bloc for the purpose of the elections and then divide the seats among themselves by the previous system — forgetting that people might not wish to give their support to a bloc that ranged from the right-wing Free Centre to the Communists.

Mrs. Meir has earned a vote of thanks by refusing to bargain away the Ofir-Bader amendment for votes for Professor Katchalsky as President on the simple and sufficient grounds that the two issues are in no way connected. The amendment has been introduced for the purpose of disposing of the small parties without saying so. The purpose may be right, but the method is wrong.

# Nixon bucks Congress on defence cuts



By BRACK CURRY  
WASHINGTON (AP). — President Richard M. Nixon is mounting a powerful offensive against the forces in Congress that would unilaterally reduce United States military forces in Western Europe.

Facing a bitter confrontation with Democrats in the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives over this issue, Nixon has just made the first of what is likely to be a series of direct appeals to the American people on "keeping the strength" of the U.S.

In some of the toughest remarks he has ever made publicly on the subject of defence, the President in his nationwide television and radio address Thursday night made clear that he is deeply concerned about what he regards as a retreat from world responsibility being prompted by the opposition Democrats in Congress.

The announced plans of Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield and other Liberal members of the Senate to introduce legislation to pull back 50 per cent of the 310,000 U.S. troops stationed in West Europe — principally in West Germany.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Defence that the cost of U.S. forces committed to defend Western Europe will increase by nearly one billion dollars next year. At a time when demands are strong in Congress to shift a greater share of national resources to America's domestic needs, the Department said it will cost the U.S. about 17 billion dollars to maintain present force levels in the European area and elements in the U.S. ready for quick deployment to Europe.

Of this portends a historic clash shaping up this year between powerful elements in Congress — where both houses are controlled by the opposition Democrats — and the Republican Nixon Administration. The movement in the Senate for drastic cutbacks in American forces stationed in Europe is supported by some of the most respected and influential Senators, including Stuart Symington (Democrat-Missouri), a former Secretary of the U.S. Air Force and an acknowledged expert on defence matters, and J.W. Fulbright, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, along with Sen. Mansfield.

## Readers' letters

### 'SNOB VALUE' AND DANISH FURNITURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I must correct an inaccuracy in Catherine Rosenheimer's article, "Cashing in on Snob Value," in your issue of March 22.

The customs duty on imported furniture is 55 per cent plus a duty on weight of IL250 per ton — which, in the case of Scandinavian furniture, results in an additional average 4 per cent, making a total of 59 per cent and not 100 per cent, as she asserts.

As for condemning imported furniture showrooms since they "tempt the customer to spend untold fortunes, etc.," Danish Interiors, the largest Scandinavian furniture importer, have made it a policy not only to price-tag every item, but to emphasize price in their press advertising.

The major part of its range is priced within the means of the consumer, including kibbutzim, students, salaried families and people from every part of the Israeli scene: over 25,000 Israeli families enjoy Danish design, comfort and quality. Your correspondent wrote that, if the demand for local furniture were

greater, standards would surely rise. In point of fact, the standard of locally produced furniture has risen considerably since and as a result of the competition provided by the liberalization of imports in 1963. It is precisely because present-day demand exceeds supply that prices for locally produced furniture are exceptionally high and make it possible for firms like Danish to be sufficiently competitive to ensure for themselves an impressively rising sales graph.

Your correspondent is correct that not all imported furniture is necessarily better than local furniture. If Mrs. Rosenheimer, as a full-fledged taxpayer, wishes to get maximum value for her money, then she should — like all other Israelis — have a hard objective look at the total market and then choose either local or imported merchandise. As an Israeli, she cannot afford not to.

GEORGEY TOLLMAN,  
Managing Director  
Danish Interiors (Israel) Ltd.  
Tel Aviv, March 25.

### SMILES FOR POLITE DRIVERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — A funny thing happened to me on the way to work today. I stopped my car to let a woman cross the road, and an even funnier thing happened at once: a car opposite also stopped. The woman crossed the road with a smile of thanks to me and then to the other driver.

Now this is so funny it'll kill you, — I smiled at the other driver and he smiled back.

This made me feel really good. So good, in fact, that I repeated the same thing with a little boy on his way to school and a different driver opposite me and it worked again.

Strangely, I didn't get to work any later than usual.

A suggestion: let the Transport Ministry station us drivers dangerous murderers for a while and instead initiate an intensive action for politeness among drivers.

If in addition to all the obvious benefits this might bring about, a single life is saved, the effort is well worth while.

M. FREIDLANDER  
Jerusalem, March 13.

### MUNICIPAL BURIAL TAX RIGHT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The idea of an annual tax of IL12 to cover the cost of burial (your issue of March 18) is an excellent one indeed, sparing the rate-payers as it does of heavy funeral expenses.

A similar arrangement has been in force for some time in Kiryat Bialik and other localities and it would be very useful if the Mayor of Haifa were to introduce the same idea for Haifa itself. The burial tax should be included in the municipal rates assessment for 1973/74.

MOEDCHAI SCHAPIRA  
Haifa.

### ARAB REACTION: PENANCE DUE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The claim that the Arab States are entitled to recover by force the territory they lost in the 1967 war, has no legal basis, according to an article by Professor Emeritus N. Feinberg of the Hebrew University (your issue of March 16). Is the occupation by force of Arab territory legal? In my view, such an approach to the conflict by an academic in the guise of a legal argument is alarming. Would it not have been more becoming of a professor to show more concern about alleviating a grave injustice, the plight that has befallen the Arabs (and at whose hands?) with whom he hopes to live peacefully. Do I understand that the professor is condoning aggression and blessing annexation of territory belonging to the vanquished? Does he mean to say that force of arms once used to conquer and occupy land could not be so used to recover that land?

It appears that no rule of 20th century civilization, no rule of international behaviour, and indeed no resolution taken by an international body is good enough. Perhaps a little penance with a slight sting of conscience might put many on the path of right thinking.

WADI SALAH  
Judge

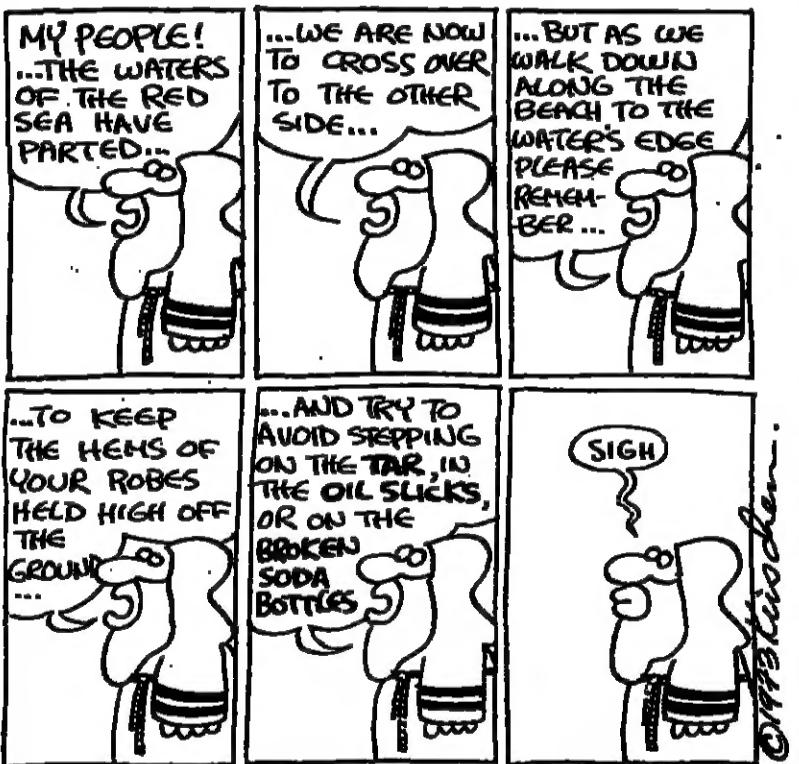
### HUT VERSUS HIGH-RISE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In your issue of March 18, there is a picture of a bamboo structure built as a tree nursery by a resident of Shivan which is slated for destruction since it was put up without a permit.

In all fairness, if this nursery is to be destroyed, then the Omariya high-rise building should also be pulled down.

BESSIE FREEDMAN  
Jerusalem, March 16.

## Dry Bones



## ISRAEL PRESS

### Price hikes and inflation

Ha'aretz (non-party) finds no difficulty in spotting the positive aspects of the Finance Minister's latest moves, but voices the fear that these will not curb inflation. "There are ample psychological reasons for the fact that the Finance Minister and his band of aides have not succeeded in convincing the public that what happened is not an essential change in the economic situation of wage earners. The increase in prices is much more the result of wage hikes than the outcome of what is no more than a partial cancellation of subsidies. However, the circumstances created this year are much more convenient for Mr. Ben-Aharon and his colleagues than for Mr. Sapir. Thus it happens that the real parent of the present inflation can charge such parenthood to the Minister of Finance. Yet all this should have been anticipated—and the Finance Minister can blame only himself for any injury incurred by him or his policy targets as a result of Histadrut moves."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael), taking a positive view of the public contest surrounding the election of the President: "This has altered the very content of the presidential office and has transformed it

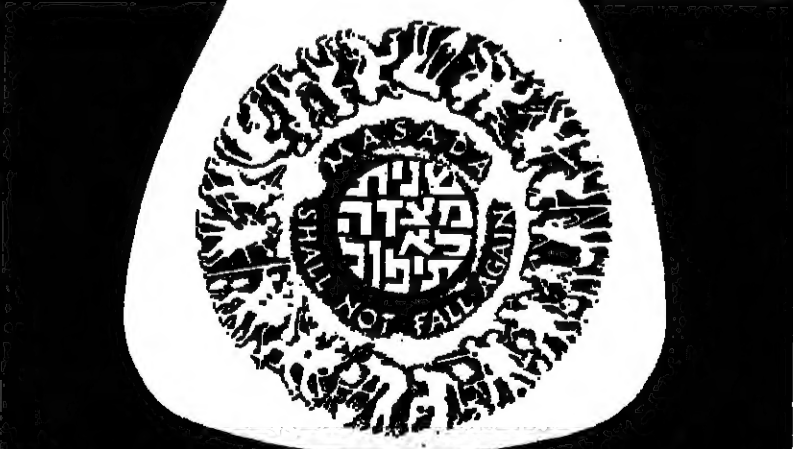
from a passive to an active symbol more appropriate to the dynamism of Israeli society."

Hamodim (Agudat Yisrael), supporting the Defence Minister's call to permit Jews to settle and acquire lands in Judea and Samaria: "Acquisition of lands by individuals need not necessarily be interpreted as a political act. Furthermore, when the Arabs discover that time is creating facts in the areas, it might even encourage them to sit down to negotiations with us. Anyway, the determining consideration is not merely political — it is the right and obligation of Jews to redeem lands within the historical borders of Israel."

Hatzotz (National Religious) and Omer (Histadrut) warn that the terrorist organizations will presumably attempt to disrupt the regular flow of life before Pessah and in anticipation of Independence Day. The papers therefore call upon the bodies responsible for security to frustrate all terrorist attempts, and upon the public to display the maximum alertness.

Davar (Histadrut) welcomes the revelation by the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister that his Government had acquired planes from Britain for Egypt. The paper declares: "This revelation highlights the claim by Paris and London that their arms deals are ostensibly based on the principle that the weapons will not be used against Israel."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), commenting on the statements by the Soviet Minister of Culture during her present visit to the United States: "No trust can be placed in Madame Furtzeva's promises that Moscow will solve the issue of Jewish emigration. It is to be feared that, following approval of the trade deals with the United States, Moscow may clamp down on emigration from the Soviet Union and reinstitute the academic tax."



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